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Mrs. Wyllie's Father Dies.
A well-displayed news story in the New York Times of Sunday, July 23, tells of the death in that city of Mr. John Henry Cook, for many years president of the C. W. Dillingham Company, and a civil war veteran, at the age of 75 years.
Interest here relies on the fact that Cook was the father of Mrs. Wyllie, whose husband was so long the popular rector of St. Marks church in Palatka and the Archdeacon of the diocese of Florida.
In hope of obtaining some relief for his family Mr. Cook paid a visit to Mrs. Wyllie in November last year, but every thing that lowly care could do availed little. He lingered until July 22, when he peacefully away.
He was buried from St. Mary's church, Manhattan, and laid to rest in the Woodlawn cemetery on Tuesday, July 23. May he rest in peace and may his perpetual shine on him.
Deep sympathy will be felt by Palatka for Mrs. Wyllie in her bereavement.

Death of Mrs. Mathews.
Mrs. J. W. Mathews of this city, a well-known to many of our people as a woman of culture and her generous, kindly Christian character, died suddenly of heart failure in the night last Saturday. Mrs. Mathews was a native of Clay county, but had with her husband lived several years in this city.
The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. J. G. Gray of the Methodist church. The interment was in Oak Hill. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

HIGH SCHOOL WINS IN LIBRARY CONTEST

Several Hundred Thousand Votes Were Cast for the Several Contestants.

The Library Contest in this city closed last Saturday evening at 9 o'clock, but the race was so close among some of the organizations that every ballot had to be counted to determine the winner.

The beautiful library and sectional book case go to the Palatka High School. They polled 589,705 votes, winning over the other contestants by a plurality of 192,181 votes over the Palatka Public Library.

This contest which began sixteen weeks ago, started off easy, but as the count was published from week to week showing the standing of the numerous organizations which were in the contest, the interest deepened until it included thousands of zealous pupils of the schools and ardent members of many churches, lodges and other organizations each bent on winning the prize for their favorite.

The work of the school children was especially systematic and earnest. The merchants and business firms all seem to be highly pleased with the results obtained from the contest and we feel safe in saying that this contest has brought the merchants in Palatka who gave votes, very much business which otherwise they would not have received. The vote for the public library was 397,526.

CONTRACT FOR NEW WILSON RESIDENCE HAS BEEN AWARDED

L. S. Johnson, Contractor, to Begin Work Immediately.

Mr. F. H. Wilson of the Wilson Cypress Company has this week awarded a contract for the construction of his new and beautiful residence on the river front to L. S. Johnson of this city.

It will be remembered that something more than a year ago Mr. Wilson purchased 100 feet of river front of Miss Mulholland in Mulholland park. This lot runs back from the river 180 feet and is situated just at the head of Water street. It is a beautiful site and Mr. Wilson has been many times congratulated on securing it.

His new home is to be a handsome affair of two stories and with broad verandas. The house will be modern in every detail and is to be built after plans made by W. B. Camp, architect, of Jacksonville. The grounds are such as to permit the laying out of beautiful approaches. The exterior of the house will be finished in shingles up to the second floor when the balance will be finished in pretty and artistic panels. Besides the living room and library, dining room, kitchen, etc., the house will contain four bed rooms on the second floor, and in addition will have two large sleeping porches each facing the river. There will also be two baths on this floor.

A view of the different elevations of the house show it to be one of the most beautiful home designs in Palatka, and that it will be followed by other beautiful homes in this section of the city is quite likely.

The house if built by other than a dealer in the major part of the raw material which enters into its construction, would cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000, but Mr. Wilson, being in the lumber business has a little advantage over most mortals in this respect.

SIEG HAS PATENT ON MONEY MAKING HOUSEHOLD NEED

With Chances Favoring its Manufacture in Palatka.

Chas. H. Sieg blew into the city on Monday.

"Say, but I'm glad to get here," he laughed. "Chicago is hotter than 'El Paso; I haven't been as comfortable in many a week as I am right now here in old Palatka. Have a cigar. How you gettin' on, old boy?"

Under his arm Mr. Sieg carried a morocco bound volume which he produced and opened. It contained photographs of the front and side elevations and diagrams of a combination bookcase, photograph cabinet, writing desk, and commode, etc., which Mr. Sieg explained he had invented during his idle hours in the "Windy City," and on which the Patent Office had just issued him letters patent.

These photographs showed the patented contrivance to be a most beautiful piece of furniture. It is collapsible—can be folded up—and can be easily shipped. It holds a photograph on top and has a place for records, with the advantage that the 10 cent records can be used. The whole beautiful piece of furniture can be made and sold at \$15 retail.

While in the city Mr. Sieg gave one of our manufacturing concerns an opportunity to figure on a contract for manufacturing these cabinets, and it is more than likely that Palatka will again profit in a substantial way through its luck in coming in contact with Chas. H. Sieg.

Mr. Sieg is essentially a promoter—a live wire—who electrifies every person with whom he comes in business contact. He has already seen some of the great department stores and mail order houses of the country and these have assured him that they can be relied on for orders up into the thousands. They recognized it instantly as a rapid seller—something which only needs advertising to create an instant demand.

Mr. Sieg remained over night at the Putnam House, returning to Chicago the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest's Trip.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. M. Earnest will start next Tuesday on their annual fall purchasing trip and outing. The only difference between the trip which will begin next Tuesday and those of former years is that this one will be made in their auto.

And for the purpose they have a new seven passenger Jeffrey touring car of the 1917 pattern. Surely there should be a good time in store for these busy people on the way up. Of course it will be business again when they get to New York and get to nosing around the wholesale houses looking for goods to interest Palatka customers of the big department store.

ATLANTIC & GULF INS. CO. OF PALATKA MAKES BIG DEAL

Buys Business of Washington Benefit Insurance Company

And Lincoln American Ins. Co. of Jacksonville—Largest Insurance Deal Put Through in Florida in Many Years.

The Atlantic & Gulf Insurance Company of this city, of which Mr. G. Loper Bailey is president, has purchased all of the business in force of the Washington Benefit Insurance Company, which, in addition to its own business, had recently purchased the life, sick and accident business in force in the Lincoln American Insurance Company.

These companies have agencies in Tampa, Lakeland, Orlando, Sanford, Gainesville, Miami and Jacksonville.

In acquiring this business at a cost of many thousand dollars, the Atlantic & Gulf Insurance Company obtains the services of a large number of the best known and equipped industrial insurance agents in the State, and an additional annual income of between thirty and forty thousand dollars.

This transaction places our home company in a commanding position in the field it occupies, making it one of the largest insurance companies in its line in Florida.

The company's Jacksonville office is located on the fifth floor of the Florida Life Insurance Company building. It is beautifully furnished with every convenience for the prompt and correct handling of the large volume of business which it enjoys there. The Jacksonville staff at present consists of a manager, cashier, superintendent and eleven agents, in addition to which it has numerous agents employed in the other towns mentioned.

The loyalty of the agents of the old companies to the new management is all that could be desired. Not one of them having resigned his position to go with any other company in the State. Most of them have been visited by the President, Mr. G. Loper Bailey, or the Secretary, Mr. J. Walter Hillard, who state that all agents are giving their new employers the heartiest cooperation.

The Atlantic & Gulf Insurance Company was organized between five and six years ago, during which time it has been managed conservatively and had on its books before this recent purchase, a business of considerable volume. The Company is a dividend payer and nearly every stock holder lives in Palatka. For this reason Palatkans will rejoice at its enlarged field of operation.

PASTOR CASON GETS A SILVER SERVICE

As Token of Esteem in Which he is Held by Congregation.

Rev. P. Q. Cason closed a six year term as pastor of the First Baptist church in this city last Sunday, when farewells were said. The pastor preached at both the morning and evening services and before large congregations.

It was at the evening service when the presentation of the silver service was made. It was a beautiful set and the pastor's voice trembled as he feelingly accepted this final token of the esteem in which he has been held by the congregation.

Only an evening or two after the Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. R. A. Thomas, where a social time was held and delicious refreshments served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. E. Loomis. Here it was that the retiring pastor was presented with a solid leather traveling bag from the society, and in the bag was a present from each individual member of the society.

The same afternoon the society elected new officers for the ensuing term as follows: President, Mrs. J. T. Ashby; vice president, Mrs. M. L. Ashby; secretary, Mrs. B. E. Jarrett; treasurer, Mrs. T. B. Munch.

Pastor Cason was to leave on Thursday. He has been busy packing and moving his household goods. He goes to Tullahoma, Tennessee, and enters upon his service there next Sunday.

Last week The News stated that a meeting of the church would be held on Wednesday night, Aug. 2d, to consider extending a call to a new pastor, but for certain reasons this meeting has been postponed until Wednesday evening the 9th inst.

First Baptist Church.
Rev. Charles Winner of Lake Helen, Florida, will preach both morning and evening next Sunday, August 6th. On Wednesday evening, August 9th, the regular monthly business meeting of the church will be held at which the matter of calling a pastor will be taken up. All members of the church are urged to attend.

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL PERSIST IN "CHEWING THE RAG" OVER CITY WATER WORKS MATTERS

Austin et al., Who Claim to be Connoisseurs in Water Tell Us City's Liquid Is Corroding Mains.

Leaving Impression That the Same Water Will Plaster Barnacles On Our "Innards."

NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION CONVENTION

For Palatka Receives Approval of President Barrett.

In a telegram received by Mr. N. E. Shontz on Monday, President C. S. Barrett of the National Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, gave his approval to the plans for holding the next National Convention of the Union in this city, and President Barrett has designated the third Tuesday in November as the day of meeting.

In the meantime Mr. Shontz, who has been appointed State Organizer for the Union, is busy organizing branch unions throughout the county. He has already organized branches at East Palatka, Orange Mills, Palatka and Peniel and has every good prospect of lining up the farmers and fruit growers all over the county in the organization. He hopes to make this section into a great centre of workers for the welfare of the organization, so that when the convention meets here with its hundreds of delegates from all parts of the United States that will feel as if they were indeed among friends.

Mr. Shontz is a live wire; he is a practical farmer and knows the needs of the men engaged in that work.

President Leeks, under resolution of the board of trade, has appointed his central committee to take charge of the general plans for entertaining the big convention. Mr. Leeks himself by virtue of the resolution becomes chairman of the committee, and associated with him will be Mayor Merriman and Mr. M. C. Walsh, editor of New Florida. This committee will appoint sub-committees as they may be needed.

It is the intention to give the visitors to this convention, and the majority of whom have never seen Florida, the time of their farmer lives. They will be taken on an excursion to Crescent City, where the orange shipping season will then be well under way. Here they can see the big orange groves laden with ripening fruit, and see the modern process of packing and shipping.

They will also be given auto rides through the agricultural sections of the county and to the big camphor farm, the only farm of its kind in the United States.

Gov. Trammell, Senators Fletcher and Bryan and other distinguished Floridians will be present, and an effort, with some excellent prospects of success, will be made to have President Wilson here for an address to the gathered farmers from all sections of the country.

CAPT. KOENIG OF GERMAN SUBMARINE

Eludes British Warships and Starts for Germany.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 3.—The German merchant submarine Deutschland passed out of the Virginia Capes at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night, apparently unobserved by the Allied warships waiting for her, and so far as known here, is now safely on her homeward voyage to Bremen.

No untoward incident marked the departure of the giant submersible. She was accompanied only by her tug and a newspaper dispatch boat when she began an eighteen-mile dash from lower Chesapeake Bay to the Capes.

After proceeding slowly most of the way down, she increased her power at 6:30 o'clock and reached the Capes just after dusk. None of the Allied cruisers was visible as she passed through. Whether he submerged before reaching the three-mile limit is unknown. The two accompanying boats only know that she disappeared unharmed and that to all appearances she had a clear field ahead to a point where she could submerge in safety.

Within half an hour after the last light of the Deutschland had disappeared, her tug, the Thomas F. Timmins, hove into sight, seemingly satisfied with her work, and headed up Chesapeake Bay in the direction of Baltimore, from which place the Deutschland sailed yesterday, twenty-three days after her sensational arrival from Bremen.

The Bremen, sister ship of the Deutschland, reported due here with the Deutschland's departure, thus far has not appeared.

The Deutschland started for the Capes after arriving early today at a cove up Chesapeake Bay.

Now it doesn't seem possible that Alderman Austin is the real starting point in all this Aldermanic discussion designed to discredit Palatka's municipal water supply.

The question that most of us would like to know is: Who has been "pumpin'" all this hot air into him? To whom does he go to get his nerve bolstered to the point where he will slant and seek to discredit such an important public necessity as the water which enters into the domestic life of the city, thereby helping the city on the road to financial suicide? Surely Austin isn't the source of all this rant.

The matter was brought up again in council last Tuesday night by—Austin.

He and his committee want to buy the Old Palatka Water Works. He said it could be had for \$60,000, which did not include the \$20,000 suit against the city.

Mr. Austin appears to be stuck on the old water; it is soft by nature. He has gone "bug house" in his animosity to the city water because it is made soft artificially, and the process is corroding the boilers and mains.

He wanted a straw vote of the people, and he secured the passage of a resolution whereby the city clerk was to draw up a petition to be presented to each tax payer (which by the by does not include Alderman Austin) by the chief of police, to see how the people feel toward the proposition to buy the old Boston water plant for \$80,000, and if possible ascertain how they would vote on a bond issue for that purpose.

Alderman Jarrett opposed the proposition, but in spite of his sensible opposition the resolution was carried.

The chief is now out with the paper. Many are refusing to sign; more are saying no to the bonding proposition; a few are saying "yes."

But when all is over where will we be at? Just where we started from.

Now what is the matter with Palatka's municipal water supply?

Since the softening process was established it is as pure a water for domestic purposes as can be obtained anywhere in this world.

And as for the corroding process said to be going on in the pipes, due to the soda ash used in the softening process, why, it isn't going on. Alderman Austin has been misinformed.

If Alderman Austin wanted to do the city, which as an officer he has sworn to uphold, a service, he would go to first hands for his information, and not to those enemies of the city's water system who have selfish designs in discrediting the water supply.

The city water plant is with us to stay. The time to fight it ended with its completion. It possibly was a mistake when the city decided to provide it. Many of our very best, most patriotic citizens, thought so then, and have never seen a reason for changing their minds.

And yet these same citizens know that if this petty opposition of interested parties was withdrawn, the city of Palatka would have a water system that paid dividends such as would materially reduce our city taxes, and that those who are constantly being scared away from it would be using it internally and externally both for their bodies and their boilers, and that neither would be injured by the indulgence.

Water Purity Essential.

Is the water supplied by the old water company pure? The State Board of Health says it is not. There may be higher authority, but The News would not know where to look for it.

Firm samples of this water furnished to the State Board of Health by an official of this city on Feb. 5th, 1915, the following report was made: Jacksonville Tallahassee Pensacola Miami Tampa Key West

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OF FLORIDA.

Bacteriological Laboratories Report Sanitary Water Analysis. Laboratory No. 85518, small bottle. Jacksonville, Feb. 8th, 1915. Mr. S. C. Stallings Palatka, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Examination of water submitted by you from tap and residence of Dr. Warren, River street, received at Jacksonville on Feb. 5th, has been examined and shows the following:

1. Bacteriological examination: Gas in lactose bile, 30 per cent; gas in lactose broth, 30 per cent. Total count shows 300 bacteria per cc.
2. Sanitary chemical examination: Nitrogen as free N H 3, N O 2, N O 3 none. Chlorine as chlorides 10.4 parts per M.

This analysis shows the sample to be a contaminated water not fit for drinking purposes.

Yours very truly,
HENRY HANSON, M. D.,
Director of Laboratory.
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